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In the Matter of

Federal-State Joint Board on
Universal Service

Access Charge Reform,
Price Cap Performance Review
for Local Exchange Carriers,
Transport Rate Structure
and Pricing, End User Common
Line Charge

CC Docket No. 96-45

CC Docket Nos. 96-262, 94-1, 91-213,
95-72

COMMENTS

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COMMENTS

MCI Telecommunications Corporation hereby submits comments in response to the Commission's Second Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Notice) in the above-captioned docket.

In the Notice, the Commission proposes to waive the PICC for Lifeline customers who choose toll blocking service. The Commission also tentatively concludes that "because these waived charges are costs associated with the provision of Lifeline service, they should be supported by the low income program of the federal universal service support mechanisms and recovered in a competitively neutral manner through contributions from all telecommunications carriers."¹

¹ Notice at para. 5.

MCI supports the Commission's tentative conclusions with respect to this issue and, in particular, its conclusion that the waived PICC charges should be included in the federal low income program and recovered from all telecommunications carriers in a competitively neutral manner. A waiver of the PICC for Lifeline customers with toll blocking is simply another universal service benefit. Accordingly, the Act requires that it be recovered from "every telecommunications carrier that provides interstate telecommunications services"... on an "equitable and nondiscriminatory basis."²

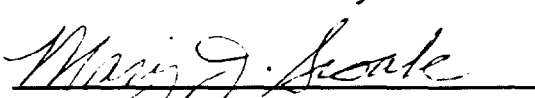
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, MCI respectfully requests that the Commission adopt MCI's comments as discussed herein.

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² 47 USC Section 254(d).

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